REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 3, 5, 11, 24, 26, and 32 are pending and are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12-23, 25, 27-31, and 33-42 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

II. OBJECTIONS

Claims 1 and 22 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75, as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of claims 3 and 24 respectively. Claims 1 and 22 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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